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TEXAS
Labor Market Reviews

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION MAY 1984 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT DIPS SLIGHTLY

The State's labor force remained fairly stable between March and April 1984, as the unemployment rate in the actual series dipped from 6.5 percent in March to 6.4 percent in April. The number of jobless in Texas decreased by 4,900 over the month in the actual series, while total employment rose by 36,200. At mid-April, there were an estimated 504,400 unemployed, and total employment had risen to 7,317,100.

In the seasonally adjusted series, the unemployment rate for Texas rose minimally, from 6.5 percent in March to 6.8 percent in April. The U. S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged over the month, at 7.8 percent. In the actual series, the Nation's rate declined from 8.1 percent in March to 7.6 percent in April, its lowest point since October 1981.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	112,153.0	111,828.0	109,875.0
Unemployment	8,525.0	9,057.0	11,035.0
Percent Unemployed	7.6	8.1	10.0
Total Employment	103,628.0	102,771.0	98,840.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	113,245.0	112,912.0	110,975.0
Unemployment	8,843.0	8,772.0	11,369.0
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.8	10.2
Total Employment	104,402.0	104,140.0	99,606.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,821.5	7,790.2	7,534.2
Unemployment	504.4	509.3	607.7
Percent Unemployed	6.4	6.5	8.1
Total Employment	7,317.1	7,280.9	6,926.5
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,854.0	7,817.0	7,570.0
Unemployment	532.0	510.0	638.0
Percent Unemployed	6.8	6.5	8.4
Total Employment	7,322.0	7,307.0	6,932.0

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS CONTINUE TO INCREASE

The continued economic recovery of Texas was reflected in the nonagricultural wage and salary employment totals for April, with the addition of 27,100 jobs over the month. The jobs total of 6,313,300 is now only 24,400 below the record high level set in December 1981, before economic problems beset Texas. Although the over-the-month growth was moderate, the steady upward movement has continued since August 1983 (with the exception of January 1984 when seasonal factors dropped employment). Some 186,700 jobs have been created between August 1983 and April 1984 -- a substantial improvement.

The strongest acceleration in April occurred in services, which gained 10,800 jobs. Much of the increase was seasonal in nature, as the industry which registered the largest advance was amusement, including motion pictures. Spring weather signaled the beginning of many outdoor recreation activities which pushed employment up in this category. Business and repair services also recorded a sizeable number of additions, with growth centered in auto repair and services, in businesses which furnish temporary help, and in management consulting agencies. A considerable rise

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Apr.'84*	Mar.'84**	Apr.'83*	Apr.'84*	Mar.'84**	Apr.'83**	Apr.'84*	Mar.'84**	Apr.'83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	57,900	57,700	57,900	79,600	78,700	76,800	298,300	296,900	283,800
Manufacturing	5,900	5,900	6,900	9,700	9,700	9,600	34,800	34,400	33,100
Mining	4,100	4,200	4,300	1,900	1,900	2,000	800	800	800
Construction	3,000	3,000	2,800	3,900	3,800	3,800	19,200	19,100	16,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,100	6,600	6,600	6,400	8,200	8,100	8,000
Trade	15,100	15,100	14,900	24,100	23,600	22,600	67,500	66,900	63,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,100	3,200	4,400	4,400	4,100	18,600	18,600	18,000
Services & Misc.	13,700	13,600	13,400	14,800	14,600	14,700	59,500	59,200	56,700
Government	9,700	9,600	9,300	14,200	14,100	13,600	89,700	89,800	87,000
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	140,100	140,500	141,700	63,300	63,200	61,500	46,300	46,300	45,300
Manufacturing	31,900	32,000	32,500	11,000	10,800	10,800	3,100	3,100	3,000
Mining	2,500	2,600	2,600	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	8,100	9,400	10,000	3,400	3,300	3,400	3,100	3,100	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,600	11,300	11,700	3,000	3,100	3,100	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trade	33,300	32,800	32,800	17,000	17,100	16,700	9,900	10,000	9,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,600	5,600	3,100	3,100	3,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	26,700	26,500	26,100	11,500	11,500	10,800	6,700	6,600	6,600
Government	20,300	20,300	20,400	14,200	14,200	13,600	18,800	18,800	18,200
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/			EL PASO		
TOTAL	128,700	128,000	130,700	1,646.7	1,631.5	1,570.4	166,700	166,100	163,600
Manufacturing	14,400	14,200	13,900	317.8	316.6	305.3	37,400	36,900	35,000
Mining	7,300	7,300	7,400	28.0	28.2	29.2	--	--	--
Construction	10,200	9,900	12,900	100.6	99.9	92.3	9,100	9,100	8,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,600	7,500	7,800	99.8	99.5	95.8	9,600	9,600	9,900
Trade	32,300	32,300	31,900	439.2	434.7	420.7	39,700	39,900	39,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,500	6,500	6,400	135.8	133.7	125.6	8,000	8,000	7,800
Services & Misc.	23,600	23,500	23,800	334.1	327.5	314.8	27,900	27,800	28,300
Government	26,800	26,800	26,600	191.4	191.4	186.7	35,000	34,800	34,500
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	67,800	68,300	67,600	1,517.9	1,511.9	1,502.2	62,500	61,800	59,300
Manufacturing	9,700	10,000	10,400	197.6	196.9	203.1	8,800	8,600	7,800
Mining	800	800	700	100.1	99.2	98.8	--	--	--
Construction	3,900	3,900	4,000	130.5	129.9	135.9	3,900	3,800	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,000	6,000	6,100	104.5	103.9	103.6	3,000	3,000	3,000
Trade	12,400	12,300	12,600	368.2	367.9	364.1	14,900	14,700	13,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,500	4,500	106.9	105.9	104.2	2,400	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	10,500	10,500	10,600	325.4	324.2	310.2	11,300	11,100	10,900
Government	20,000	20,300	18,700	184.7	184.0	182.3	18,200	18,200	18,000

2/ In Thousands

in employment also occurred in personal services and in the other services and miscellaneous category, which includes agricultural activities such as landscaping and crop services which accelerate in the Spring.

Wholesale and retail trade contributed an additional 9,500 jobs over the month, with most of the increase in retail trade. While all retail trade sectors showed improvement, the other retail trade category had the largest gains, with 5,100 new jobs. This industry group includes eating and drinking places, which normally expands its work force in the Spring. Milder weather brought sizeable increases in building materials and garden supplies. More moderate advances were noted in automotive dealers and service stations, in apparel and accessory stores, and in food stores.

Government agencies created 1,000 new positions in April, as all segments recorded additions; but federal government was responsible for two-thirds of the increase. There were 800 new jobs in construction over the month, as this industry struggled to regain lost ground. Most of the increase in April occurred in highway and street construction, with other heavy construction contributing a smaller gain.

Increased business activity in transportation services provided the major impetus for the moderate growth in transportation and public utilities. Communication remained almost unchanged over the month, while electric, gas and sanitary services

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Industry	Apr. '84*	Mar. '84**	Apr. '83**	Apr. '84*	Mar. '84**	Apr. '83**	Apr. '84*	Mar. '84**	Apr. '83**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,200	30,300	29,600	67,100	66,700	67,400	91,500	91,200	91,600
Manufacturing	1,900	1,800	1,700	14,800	14,700	15,200	9,400	9,600	12,600
Mining	1,100	1,100	1,200	4,700	4,700	4,900	500	500	400
Construction	1,300	1,300	1,300	4,700	4,600	4,900	4,300	4,100	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,200	3,200	3,600	3,600	3,700	4,700	4,700	4,600
Trade	9,000	9,100	8,900	17,200	17,100	16,900	26,800	26,400	25,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,900	5,400	5,400	5,200
Services & Misc.	5,000	5,000	4,900	11,000	11,000	10,800	19,300	19,300	18,500
Government	7,400	7,400	7,000	8,300	8,200	8,100	21,100	21,200	20,700
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	78,100	78,500	79,000	54,900	55,500	50,100	57,400	57,200	54,400
Manufacturing	9,800	10,100	9,800	3,900	3,900	3,500	5,900	5,800	6,400
Mining	1,400	1,300	1,400	12,600	12,600	12,100	8,500	8,900	8,600
Construction	5,000	5,200	5,100	3,300	3,400	3,800	4,500	4,300	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,600	2,900	2,900	2,700	3,000	3,000	3,000
Trade	24,400	24,400	25,800	13,200	13,600	11,500	17,000	16,900	15,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,100	3,900	3,900	3,500	2,300	2,300	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,400	11,000	9,300	9,400	7,800	9,000	8,900	7,500
Government	20,000	20,100	20,200	5,800	5,800	5,200	7,200	7,100	6,900
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	37,600	37,600	37,100	450,400	449,000	432,400	34,400	34,400	34,100
Manufacturing	5,600	5,600	5,600	50,700	50,500	48,700	11,500	11,400	11,100
Mining	800	800	900	3,500	3,500	3,300	200	200	200
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,400	32,100	31,300	30,100	1,300	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	18,700	18,600	17,700	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	9,200	9,100	8,800	115,500	114,800	109,000	6,800	6,900	7,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,500	32,500	32,400	31,000	1,300	1,300	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,500	7,500	97,100	97,300	93,800	6,300	6,300	6,300
Government	6,900	6,900	6,600	100,300	100,600	98,800	4,900	4,900	4,800
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	46,500	46,600	45,700	58,000	58,000	56,800	76,200	75,500	73,100
Manufacturing	8,600	8,600	8,600	12,200	12,100	11,600	15,700	15,600	15,100
Mining	100	100	100	2,900	2,900	3,000	--	--	--
Construction	1,800	1,900	1,900	2,400	2,400	2,600	4,100	4,000	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	1,900	3,000	3,000	2,800	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trade	10,900	10,900	10,600	14,600	14,600	14,400	19,500	19,100	18,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,100	3,100	3,200	4,600	4,600	4,600
Services & Misc.	8,600	8,500	8,100	11,700	11,800	11,500	17,500	17,400	16,900
Government	12,800	12,900	12,800	8,100	8,100	7,700	11,600	11,600	11,600
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	53,500	53,200	51,800						
Manufacturing	9,200	9,000	8,500						
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,100						
Construction	2,200	2,100	2,000						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800						
Trade	13,400	13,400	13,000						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,500						
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,300	9,100						
Government	10,900	10,900	10,800						

1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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declined slightly. Finance, insurance and real estate employment held steady from March to April, as gains in the other finance, insurance and real estate sector were offset by losses among insurance carriers, agents and brokers.

The volatility of Texas' oil and gas industry was once again illustrated, as only 100 new jobs were generated in April. The industry seems to be at a standstill for the moment, after 500 jobs were deleted in March. Upward and downward fluctuations are to be expected during the coming months, as demand varies.

Manufacturing industries continue to expand, particularly those in the durable goods sector. Manufacturing as a whole provided 4,000 new jobs over the month, but only 100 of this increase was generated by nondurable goods industries. The best showing among durable goods was in nonelectrical machinery, where both the oil field machinery sector and the other machinery, except electrical, segment recorded sizeable increases.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Apr. 1984*	Mar. 1984**	Apr. 1983**	Change From Mar. 1984	Change From Apr. 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,313,300	6,286,200	6,143,900	27,100	169,400
Manufacturing	983,300	979,300	954,400	4,000	28,900
Durable Goods	567,700	563,800	545,600	3,900	22,100
Lumber & Wood Products	41,900	41,100	39,100	800	2,800
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,500	7,300	100	300
Furniture & Fixtures	17,700	17,800	16,100	-100	1,600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,200	47,800	44,100	400	4,100
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,400	22,400	20,300	0	2,100
Primary Metal Industries	35,400	34,900	33,500	500	1,900
Fabricated Metal Industries	81,000	80,600	79,600	400	1,400
Fabricated structural Metal Products	43,800	43,600	42,900	200	900
Machinery, Except Electrical	133,900	132,700	132,700	1,200	1,200
Oil Field Machinery	43,700	43,100	43,900	600	-200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	100,900	100,200	94,600	700	6,300
Transportation Equipment	73,100	73,400	70,700	-300	2,400
Aircraft & Parts	37,100	37,200	37,700	-100	-600
Instruments & Related Products	23,200	22,900	22,700	300	500
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,400	12,400	12,500	0	-100
Nondurable Goods	415,600	415,500	408,900	100	6,800
Food & Kindred Products	94,800	95,300	91,900	-500	2,900
Meat Products	23,800	24,300	24,600	-500	-800
Dairy Products	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Bakery Products	12,800	12,600	10,600	200	2,200
Malt Beverages	3,400	3,300	3,400	100	0
Textile Mill Products	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	62,500	62,100	60,600	400	1,900
Paper & Allied Products	22,100	22,100	21,800	0	300
Printing & Publishing	71,200	70,700	68,300	500	2,900
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,600	35,300	35,000	300	600
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,600	76,600	77,900	0	-1,300
Petroleum & Coal Products	42,800	42,900	44,000	-100	-1,200
Petroleum Refining	39,600	39,600	40,900	0	-1,300
Leather & Leather Products	8,200	8,300	8,900	-100	-700
Other Nondurable Goods	32,400	32,500	30,500	-100	1,900
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,330,000	5,306,900	5,189,500	23,100	140,500
Mining	265,500	265,500	262,200	0	3,300
Oil & Gas Extraction	255,700	255,600	252,500	100	3,200
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,800	9,900	9,700	-100	100
Construction	407,100	406,300	418,000	800	-10,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	378,900	378,200	366,400	700	12,500
Railroad Transportation	25,400	25,200	24,300	200	1,100
Transportation, Except Railroads	179,400	178,800	167,500	600	11,900
Transportation by Air	35,700	35,500	35,400	200	300
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,400	96,300	95,600	100	800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,700	77,900	79,000	-200	-1,300
Electric Services	43,600	43,600	43,800	0	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	28,900	29,000	30,100	-100	-1,200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,583,500	1,574,000	1,535,700	9,500	47,800
Wholesale Trade	442,100	441,200	433,000	900	9,100
Retail Trade	1,141,400	1,132,800	1,102,700	8,600	38,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	54,800	53,400	50,800	1,400	4,000
General Merchandise Stores	142,600	142,300	140,200	300	2,400
Food Stores	206,300	205,800	197,000	500	9,300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,100	131,300	128,200	800	3,900
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,200	76,700	76,300	500	900
Other Retail Trade	528,400	523,300	510,200	5,100	18,200
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	401,900	401,600	388,400	300	13,500
Banking	103,100	102,900	102,900	200	200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	123,000	123,400	121,800	-400	1,200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	175,800	175,300	163,700	500	12,100
Services	1,216,100	1,205,300	1,169,400	10,800	46,700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	76,500	76,600	75,300	-100	1,200
Personal Services	74,200	73,200	74,300	1,000	-100
Business & Repair Services	320,300	316,800	304,200	3,500	16,100
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	54,100	49,800	48,900	4,300	5,200
Health Services	343,400	343,500	333,800	-100	9,600
Educational Services	65,500	64,700	58,700	800	6,800
Other Services & Miscellaneous	282,100	280,700	274,200	1,400	7,900
Total Government	1,077,000	1,076,000	1,049,400	1,000	27,600
Total Federal Government	180,800	180,200	172,500	600	8,300
Total State Government	222,300	222,100	222,400	200	-100
Total Local Government	673,900	673,700	654,500	200	19,400

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	Apr.'84*	Mar.'84**	Apr.'83**	Apr.'84*	Mar.'84**	Apr.'83**	Apr.'84*	Mar.'84**	Apr.'83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,700	77,700	76,100	101,300	100,400	95,800	345,300	343,400	319,800
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,500	4,000	4,700	4,900	5,100	12,900	11,600	12,600
Percent Unemployed	4.6	4.5	5.3	4.6	4.9	5.3	3.7	3.4	3.9
Total Employment 2/	74,100	74,200	72,100	96,600	95,500	90,700	332,400	331,800	307,200
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	180,700	179,700	180,000	93,500	93,000	90,000	56,500	56,600	54,100
Total Unemployment	21,900	21,600	25,000	13,600	13,600	13,800	2,200	2,200	2,400
Percent Unemployed	12.1	12.0	13.9	14.5	14.6	15.3	3.9	3.9	4.4
Total Employment 2/	158,800	158,100	155,000	79,900	79,400	76,200	54,300	54,400	51,700
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	168,100	166,800	167,800	1,879.4	1,865.6	1,765.9	198,300	198,300	194,900
Total Unemployment	15,200	15,400	17,300	73.7	73.1	91.9	19,400	19,700	24,700
Percent Unemployed	9.0	9.2	10.3	3.9	3.9	5.2	9.8	9.9	12.7
Total Employment 2/	152,900	151,400	150,500	1,805.7	1,792.5	1,674.0	178,900	178,600	170,200
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	91,500	91,600	90,600	1,774.3	1,770.7	1,745.8	76,300	75,700	71,200
Total Unemployment	9,500	9,400	11,300	128.8	129.3	167.6	4,000	4,000	4,500
Percent Unemployed	10.4	10.3	12.5	7.3	7.3	9.6	5.2	5.3	6.3
Total Employment 2/	82,000	82,200	79,300	1,645.5	1,641.4	1,578.2	72,300	71,700	66,700
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	40,400	40,600	42,200	79,600	79,700	79,600	114,700	114,600	112,200
Total Unemployment	8,400	8,600	11,700	7,000	7,200	8,900	7,000	7,100	6,400
Percent Unemployed	20.8	21.2	27.7	8.8	9.0	11.2	6.1	6.2	5.7
Total Employment 2/	32,000	32,000	30,500	72,600	72,500	70,700	107,700	107,500	105,800
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	119,800	122,700	118,000	69,900	70,600	63,100	74,800	74,900	72,000
Total Unemployment	27,500	30,500	21,700	2,900	3,000	3,600	4,200	4,400	6,800
Percent Unemployed	23.0	24.9	18.4	4.1	4.2	5.7	5.6	5.9	9.4
Total Employment 2/	92,300	92,200	96,300	67,000	67,600	59,500	70,600	70,500	65,200
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,800	50,700	49,300	521,600	520,600	490,800	40,300	40,300	40,000
Total Unemployment	2,200	2,300	2,600	26,400	26,400	29,000	2,300	2,400	3,400
Percent Unemployed	4.3	4.5	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.9	5.7	6.0	8.5
Total Employment 2/	48,600	48,400	46,700	495,200	494,200	461,800	38,000	37,900	36,600
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,400	53,100	51,000	78,900	78,700	75,800	37,600	37,500	37,800
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,600	4,900	3,800	3,700	4,800	2,600	2,700	3,800
Percent Unemployed	8.4	8.7	9.6	4.8	4.7	6.3	6.9	7.2	10.1
Total Employment 2/	48,900	48,500	46,100	75,100	75,000	71,000	35,000	34,800	34,000
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	92,900	92,300	87,900	68,900	68,700	66,200	7,821.5	7,790.2	7,534.2
Total Unemployment	4,000	4,200	5,000	3,200	3,300	4,600	504.4	509.3	607.7
Percent Unemployed	4.3	4.6	5.7	4.6	4.8	6.9	6.4	6.5	8.1
Total Employment 2/	88,900	88,100	82,900	65,700	65,400	61,600	7,317.1	7,280.9	6,926.5

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr.± 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983	Apr.± 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983	Apr.± 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$380.03	$378.78	$355.12	41.9	41.9	40.4	$ 9.07	$ 9.04	$ 8.79
Durable Goods	372.91	370.82	346.46	41.9	41.9	40.1	8.90	8.85	8.64
Lumber & Wood Products	253.43	256.59	249.02	40.1	40.6	40.1	6.32	6.32	6.21
Furniture & Fixtures	223.87	227.95	223.11	38.4	39.1	38.6	5.83	5.83	5.78
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	373.12	365.64	351.34	44.0	44.0	44.7	8.48	8.31	7.86
Primary Metal Industries	407.22	403.35	405.21	41.3	41.2	38.3	9.86	9.79	10.58
Fabricated Metal Products	357.47	352.51	339.46	40.9	40.8	38.4	8.74	8.64	8.84
Machinery, Exc. Electric	381.81	384.38	337.39	42.9	42.9	39.6	8.90	8.96	8.52
Oil Field Machinery	483.12	484.92	417.64	44.9	44.9	39.7	10.76	10.80	10.52
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	385.63	384.06	342.68	41.6	41.7	39.8	9.27	9.21	8.61
Transportation Equipment	523.03	507.35	472.58	44.1	43.4	41.6	11.86	11.69	11.36
Instr. & Related Products	304.19	306.15	301.04	38.8	39.1	38.3	7.84	7.83	7.86
Misc. Mfg. Industries	266.74	269.89	293.66	39.4	39.4	40.9	6.77	6.85	7.18
Nondurable Goods	387.90	388.74	366.38	41.8	41.8	40.8	9.28	9.30	8.98
Food & Kindred Products	332.73	335.91	311.06	41.8	42.2	41.2	7.96	7.96	7.55
Meat Products	271.73	279.81	276.86	40.8	41.7	41.2	6.66	6.71	6.72
Malt Beverages	733.60	725.66	659.63	45.2	45.1	44.6	16.23	16.09	14.79
Textile Mill Products	287.86	277.89	261.67	42.9	41.6	41.8	6.71	6.68	6.26
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	192.08	191.78	175.90	39.2	38.9	36.8	4.90	4.93	4.78
Paper & Allied Products	432.37	413.76	404.12	44.3	43.1	43.5	9.76	9.60	9.29
Printing & Publishing	349.70	347.54	325.12	40.9	40.6	39.6	8.55	8.56	8.21
Chemicals & Allied Products	586.04	591.35	558.53	41.8	42.3	41.9	14.02	13.98	13.33
Petroleum & Coal Products	632.95	638.76	614.08	44.7	44.7	43.8	14.16	14.29	14.02
Petroleum Refining	648.15	654.98	627.65	44.7	44.8	43.8	14.50	14.62	14.33
Leather & Leather Products	203.29	210.72	187.56	37.3	37.9	38.2	5.45	5.56	4.91
Other Nondurable Goods	397.39	396.94	348.30	44.6	44.7	43.0	8.91	8.88	8.10
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	487.90	483.71	470.37	46.6	46.6	45.8	10.47	10.38	10.27
Oil & Gas Extraction	491.16	486.86	473.11	46.6	46.5	45.8	10.54	10.47	10.33
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	423.44	401.38	405.26	47.9	47.5	46.0	8.84	8.45	8.81
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	421.40	421.89	384.31	39.2	39.1	37.9	10.75	10.79	10.14
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	436.97	426.22	408.39	40.8	40.4	41.8	10.71	10.55	9.77
Wholesale & Retail Trade	237.70	236.31	227.80	34.7	34.7	34.0	6.85	6.81	6.70
Wholesale Trade	365.42	362.91	349.84	40.2	40.1	39.8	9.09	9.05	8.79
Retail Trade	191.30	190.57	183.11	32.7	32.8	31.9	5.85	5.81	5.74
General Mdse. Stores	154.18	152.88	163.30	29.2	28.9	29.8	5.28	5.29	5.48
Banking	264.00	254.56	240.29	40.0	39.9	37.9	6.60	6.38	6.34

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	370.24	370.40	347.84	41.6	41.9	40.4	8.90	8.84	8.61
Durable Goods	388.83	386.90	365.72	41.9	42.1	40.5	9.28	9.19	9.03
Nondurable Goods	328.02	333.27	309.14	40.9	41.4	40.2	8.02	8.05	7.69
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	475.39	471.71	438.29	43.1	43.0	41.0	11.03	10.97	10.69
Durable Goods	417.31	412.04	383.36	43.2	43.1	40.1	9.66	9.56	9.56
Nondurable Goods	548.69	546.56	509.41	42.9	42.8	42.1	12.79	12.77	12.10
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	285.76	276.45	272.83	41.9	41.2	41.4	6.82	6.71	6.59
Durable Goods	314.89	301.44	299.20	42.9	42.1	42.2	7.34	7.16	7.09
Nondurable Goods	255.22	250.67	246.24	40.9	40.3	40.5	6.24	6.22	6.08

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

The recent upswing in construction has generated growth in lumber and wood products, which added 800 jobs over the month. Electric and electronic equipment continued to exhibit steady expansion, with 700 additions in April. This industry has contributed more growth over the past year than any other manufacturing sector, with 6,300 new jobs between April 1983 and April 1984.

Primary metal industries recorded moderate growth in April, as did fabricated metal products. Increased consumer demand spurred smaller gains in instruments and related products and in stone, clay and glass products. The only durable goods sector which declined over the month was transportation equipment, where layoffs occurred in ship and boat building and repair and in aircraft and parts.

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The largest over-the-month increase in nondurable goods was in the newspapers, books and miscellaneous publishing segment of printing and publishing. Apparel and other finished textile products also recorded a moderate gain in April. Most other nondurable goods sectors experienced only minimal changes. A seasonal layoff in the refining of raw sugar cane and cane sugar was partially responsible for the downturn in food and kindred products over the month.

HOURLY EARNINGS RISE

The average number of hours worked by a manufacturing production worker remained unchanged over the month at 41.9, while average hourly earnings climbed modestly, from $9.04 in March to $9.07 in April. An average worker in April was earning $380.03 a week, up $1.25 from the March average. Most of the increase was generated by durable goods industries, where hourly earnings were up 5¢ over the month. The number of production workers rose again in April, to 660,900 -- up 1,500 from March.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1983
Total Population	16,215,500	15,099,900
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	3.0
UI Covered Employers	297,935	292,511
Total Claims Actions	439,621	778,784
Total Initial Claims Actions	51,297	75,463
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	388,324	703,321
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$134.67	$135.22
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$45,423,006	$87,305,073
Total Placements	45,519	37,303

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
First Quarter
January 1 - March 31, 1984

Abilene	$ 1,323,798
Amarillo	2,225,417
Austin	2,514,814
Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange	11,407,289
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	4,972,768
Bryan-College Station	641,220
Corpus Christi	6,283,732
Dallas-Fort Worth	23,456,881
El Paso	7,131,111
Galveston-Texas City	4,061,427
Houston	58,652,767
Killeen-Temple	801,653
Laredo	2,506,170
Longview-Marshall	3,279,325
Lubbock	2,952,885
McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg	9,494,158
Midland	1,103,883
Odessa	1,792,675
San Angelo	567,220
San Antonio	7,152,438
Sherman-Denison	927,106
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	938,399
Tyler	1,361,348
Victoria	1,115,593
Waco	1,494,120
Wichita Falls	1,520,676

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